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We would like you to consider the conferment of a decoration upon the following two men, since we feel that their cooperation in Finland has contributed greatly to our intelligence on Russia. (Please bear in mind that officers and members of commissions have been decorated in the past.):

1. Major RANTANEN.

(1). Duties: Chief of Intelligence, Headquarters, Second Department of the General Staff.

(Part 2)

(2). Outline of his meritorious conduct: Ever since I arrived at my post in this country, the Major has always kept in close contact with this place with regard to Russian air intelligence, and has cooperated even more fully, especially now, since the beginning of the Russo-Finnish War. He has always and immediately presented to us much valuable material which had been obtained by the Finnish Army, and has made easier the advancement of our work.

(Part 3)

For example, the air intelligence in the Finland Intelligence (the capacity of Russia's new airplanes; details of air strength; arms used

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by the air force; flight preparations) is all inter-related with his reports - (?but their influence has not been recognized?). In addition, recently we have received from him, plans and data on the "P.E." type airplane, which were wired in Finland Message #787^a.

(Part 4)

2. Major PALKO.

(1). Duties: As Headquarters Chief of the Scientific^b Intelligence Bureau of the Finnish Army, he is the person in charge of decrypting Russian army codes.

(2). Outline of his meritorious conduct: The amount of material on the Russian army codes which Japan has acquired from the Finnish War Department through him since 1940 has not been slight.

(Part 5)

And since the outbreak of the Russo-Finnish War, he has followed all the changes in the Russian army codes, and (?carefully?) reported to this country all of his results. For examples of things he has accomplished, see the telegram relating to scientific^b intelligence within the Finland Commission.

a - Not readable.

b - Kagaku Chōhō.

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